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Welcome New Members:

Gletzky Trucking

Torrential Rains Give Way to A Perfect Day of Golf



Barrington, RI - Participants in the the John J. Gill Memorial Golf Tournament dodged a bullet on Tuesday as early morning showers that were forecast continued heavy into late morning. But much to the delight of the field of 110 golfers, the skies cleared just before noon and the shotgun start went off as scheduled.

Proceeds from the tournament support RITA's Legislative Programs and the RI Trucking Association PAC. Lunch preceded the tournament and cocktails and hors d'oeuvres fireside and a full buffet dinner followed. Many thanks to all who participated in the tournament, our planning committee and volunteers, and finally our sponsors - especially Lunch Sponsor **Navigant Credit Union** and [resenting Sponsors **NOW Delivery** and **Southeast Transport**. Next years' tournament will take place on Tuesday, October 10 at RI Country Club.

New ATA Report Shows Growing Shortage of Qualified

Drivers

Arlington, VA - According to a new analysis by the American Trucking Associations, the shortage of truck drivers has grown to nearly 48,000 and could expand further due to industry growth and a retiring workforce.

"The ability to find enough qualified drivers is one of our industry's biggest challenges," said ATA President and CEO Bill Graves. "This latest report plainly lays out the problem - as well as some possible solutions - to the driver shortage."

The report, ATA's fourth major analysis since 2005, shows that by the end of 2015, the driver shortage will reach nearly 48,000. If current trends hold, the shortage may balloon to almost 175,000 by 2024.

"An important thing we learned in this analysis is this isn't strictly a numbers problem, it is a quality problem too," ATA Chief Economist Bob Costello said. "Fleets consistently report receiving applications for open positions, but many of those candidates do not meet the criteria to be hired. According to our research, 88% of carriers said most applicants are not qualified."

Other key findings of the report:

- Over the next decade, trucking will need to hire 890,000 new drivers, or an average of 89,000 per year.
- Roughly half, 45%, of demand for drivers comes from the need to replace retiring drivers; industry growth is the second leading driver of new hiring, accounting for 33% of the need.
- ATA's analysis does not factor in the impact of federal regulations - like electronic logging - on shortage.

"Our work shows the great and growing need for drivers." Costello said, "but we also need to highlight several solutions including increasing driver pay, getting drivers more pay at home, as well as improving the image of the driver and their treatment by all companies in the supply chain. Make no mistake, the driver shortage is a challenge, but it is not an insurmountable one." (from ATA)

Driver and Fleet of Year to be Honored at Twin River



Nomination Forms Due by October 30





[Dinner Brochure](#)

[Register for the Dinner Online!](#)

[Fleet of the Year Nomination](#)

[Driver of the Year Nomination](#)

Honor Our Fallen Heroes.....



Motor carriers and drivers are encouraged to choose a route through TCA's Truckload of Respect website beginning November 1.

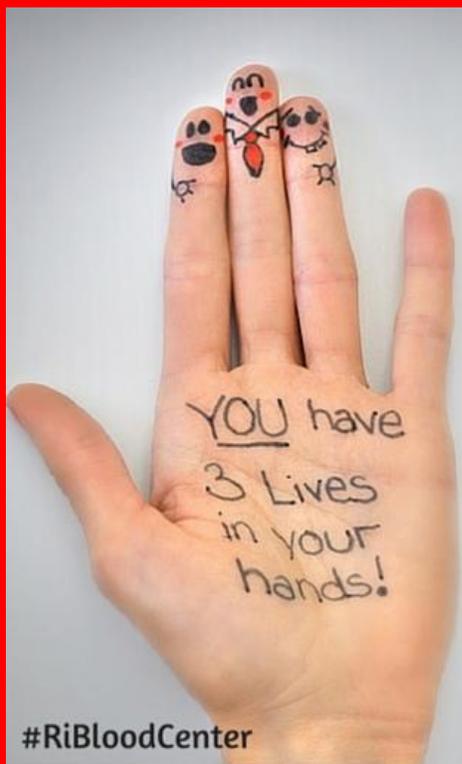
Those interested can choose preferred lanes, states, and number of stops as well as where they'd like to pick up wreaths. All wreaths originate in Columbia Falls, Maine but we'll also have three cross docks for 2015: Milan, Illinois; Kansas City, Missouri

[**Click Here to Select a Route**](#)

Who is Fueling Your Fleet????

RITA is constantly striving to develop affinity programs for its membership. These programs are only as effective as the information and feedback we receive from YOU! So take a minute and please fill out the attached survey. HELP US HELP YOU!!!

[**Fleet Survey**](#)



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Give the Gift of Life!!!

JJ Keller's New Emergency Response Guide is Now Available.

"Smart" Office Space Available...

Are you a professional who relies upon business from the trucking industry and would like to position your business strategically in a thriving atmosphere? RITA will be offering limited space within its facility beginning April 1. Interested parties should contact Chris Maxwell at (401)729-6600.

EVENTS CALENDAR.....

October 30	Fleet/Driver Award Nominations Due
November 17	<i>RITA Annual Dinner</i>
December 17	<i>Holiday Open House</i>
January 19, 2016	RITA Annual Meeting

Thought for the week:

"Life is not a matter of holding good cards, but sometimes, playing a poor hand well."

Jack

London

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